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SUBJECT: UN BUDGET: U.S. POSITION PAPER ON UN BIENNIAL
PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1978/79

THE FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH
AIRGRAM A-4176, DATED OCTOBER 17, 1977, WHICH PROVIDES THE
U.S. POSITION ON THE 1978/79 UN PROGRAM BUDGET. IT IS
BEING SENT SEPARATELY, AS IT IS THE ONLY CLASSIFIED
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PORTION OF THE DOCUMENT. CROSS REFERENCE TO THIS TELEGRAM
IS CONTAINED ON PAGE 5 OF THE AIRGRAM. THE PORTION
DEALING WITH THE JOINT DEMARCHES IN 1976 IS CLASSIFIED;
THE DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S APRIL 15 MEMORANDUM
REGARDING FUTURE COMMITMENTS IS NOT CLASSIFIED.

BACKGROUND

THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR CONCERN THAT CONTINUING UNBRIDLED BUDGET ESCALATION COULD RESULT IN LESSENER SUPPORT FROM MEMBER STATES. IN THE FALL OF 1976, THE U.S., TOGETHER WITH THE UK, FRANCE, JAPAN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, MADE COORDINATED DEMARCHES TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR BUDGETARY RESTRAINT TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSITY

TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE LOW PRIORITY AND MARGINAL ACTIVITIES (THE USSR HAS MADE KNOWN SIMILAR VIEWS TO THE U.S. MISSION TO THE UN). THE SECRETARY GENERAL POINTED OUT TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE FIVE MEMBER COUNTRIES (WITH ASSESSMENTS TOTALLING 51.5 PERCENT OF UN CONTRIBUTIONS) THAT OFTEN THESE SAME COUNTRIES PLEADING RESTRAINT SPONSOR AND LOBBY FOR EXPENSIVE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. THE U.S. PERMREP STATED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO COMBINE HIS PLEA FOR CURBING BUDGETARY GROWTH WITH UTMOST RESTRAINT IN PUSHING FOR NEW OR EXPANDED UN ACTIVITIES. IN THIS REGARD, USDEL SHOULD BE AWARE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEMORANDUM OF APRIL 15, 1977, REGARDING FUTURE COMMITMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE SUCH FUNDS BEYOND OR IN ADDITION TO APPROVED BUDGETS BE SUBMITTED TO HIM FOR APPROVAL BEFORE ANY FORMAL OR IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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